

Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ SANBAG to advance Measure I funds for I-10, Devore projects

Future Measure I funds will be used to jump-start the development of carpool lanes on Interstate 10 and the widening of the Interstate 15/215 interchange in Devore. Board members approved \$500,000 for the I-10 corridor project and \$500,000 for the Devore interchange project, with funds to be reimbursed from the Measure I 2010-2040 program.

"These projects are key corridors for San Bernardino County, and by advancing these funds, we can move them to the construction stage as quickly as possible," said Darren Kettle, SANBAG's Director of Freeway Construction.

The advanced funds will allow SANBAG to release Requests for Qualifications for the two projects separately. Early work on the I-10 carpool lane project will include preliminary engineering and preparation of the environmental document. The Devore interchange project early work will include a Project Study Report, preliminary engineering and environmental document preparation. SANBAG expects to release the RFQs this winter.



The I-15/I-215 interchange in Devore is a frequent bottleneck for San Bernardino County travelers, especially on weekends and holidays.

■ Funds available for pedestrian, bicycle projects, bus stop access

SANBAG is seeking proposals for about \$4 million in available state funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects and for improved access to bus stops countywide. Proposals are due February 2.

Funds are provided through the state Transportation Development Act Article 3. Of the funds available, 80% (\$3,265,979) will go toward bike and pedestrian projects. The remaining 20% (\$816,495) will fund access improvements to transit stops.

Applicants must be cities, the County of San Bernardino or transit operators. No single jurisdiction will be eligible to receive more than 10% of the funds available, unless there are too few applications for the funds.

Projects will be evaluated this winter, and a recommendation presented to the Board of Directors in April.



■ Air quality improving, but still among nation's worst

While smog-choked days that were common 30 years ago in the South Coast Air Basin are clearly a thing of the past, the region still has a long way to go to clean up its air, according to a draft Air Quality Management Plan presented to SANBAG's Board of Directors.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is presenting its draft plan at a series of public meetings during the next two months. The plan includes policies and measures that are being considered to help achieve federal standards for healthful air quality in the region.

Challenges include strict new federal standards for ozone and fine particulates; the need for major pollution reductions from heavy-duty trucks, ships and other mobile sources; the urgent public health concerns related to exposure to fine particulates; and the rapid pace that is needed to meet federal deadlines for compliance.

For a copy of the draft plan, go to the South Coast AQMD website, www.aqmd.gov.

Down the road . . .

- Nov. 8: Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 9: Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 15: Plans & Programs Committee, 12 noon
- Nov. 16: Commuter Rail Committee, 12 noon
- Nov. 16: I-215 Open House, 4:30-7 p.m.
- Nov. 16: Passenger Rail Open House, 4-6 p.m.
- Nov. 17: Mountain-Desert Committee, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 29: WTS Scholarship Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Freeway Service Patrol program is growing Service to expand to Interstate 10, Interstate 215, Route 60

Travelers along Interstate 10, Interstate 215 and Route 60 will be breathing easier next year, thanks to the expansion of San Bernardino County's Freeway Service Patrol program. The roving tow trucks on these routes will lend a free helping hand to motorists stranded with flat tires, dead batteries, empty gas tanks and other roadside woes.

The Board of Directors approved four new contracts with tow operators. These contracts will allow the service to expand to cover 61 miles in the San Bernardino Valley.

This month's *Street Smart* provides information about the expansion of the service to these new locations and gives an overview of the program that started last January in San Bernardino County on Interstates 10 and 15.



room their designated beats from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Afternoon service hours are from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday.

The tow truck drivers spot disabled vehicles and help by repairing flat tires, jump-starting batteries, providing a free gallon of gas, taping leaky radiator hoses and making other speedy repairs. If necessary, they will tow vehicles to nearby locations approved by the California Highway Patrol.

The service enhances motorist safety, reduces secondary accidents and traffic delays by removing stalled vehicles more quickly from the road, and improves air quality by boosting traffic flow.

Existing FSP Beats

SANBAG began its Freeway Service Patrol program last January by establishing beats on Interstate 10 from the Los Angeles County/San Bernardino County Line in Montclair to Waterman Avenue in San Bernardino and on Interstate 15 from the Riverside County/San Bernardino County Line in Ontario to BaseLine in Rancho Cucamonga.

Since service began, tow operators of these beats have offered help to 19,728 motorists. Types of repairs have included:

- 3,291 flat tires
- 2,830 mechanical breakdowns
- 1,713 abandoned vehicles
- 1,626 empty gas tanks
- 1,322 accidents
- 1,195 overheated engines
- 988 electrical problems
- 586 instances of debris removal
- 21 vehicle fires
- 10 key lock-outs
- 6,146 — other help or offer for service declined, due to help already been summoned or not needed

The average time for repairs to be made was eight minutes and 30 seconds. About 12% of the incidents resulted in the need to tow motorists.

New Beats, New Contracts

Expanding the Freeway Service Patrol program will lead to four new service areas, or beats, on area highways, starting early next year.

"It's exciting to see the growth of this program, which already has served nearly 20,000 motorists since we started in January," said Kelly Lynn, SANBAG's Air Quality/Mobility Program Manager. "The response to this roving tow service has been terrific."

Contracts were awarded to tow operators to patrol these freeway sections:

- Al & Son's Towing, Route 60 from the Los Angeles County/San Bernardino County Line to Milliken Avenue in Ontario, \$576,216 for a three-year contract
- Pepe's Towing Services, Inc., Interstate 215 from the Riverside County/San Bernardino County Line to 2nd Street in San Bernardino, \$626,576 for a three-year contract
- JLM Towing Services, Inc., Interstate 215 from 2nd Street to University Parkway in San Bernardino, \$568,017 for a three-year contract
- Armada Towing, Interstate 10 from Waterman Avenue in San Bernardino to Orange Street in Redlands, \$571,531 for a three-year contract

Each of the contracts also include two one-year options to extend the services after the three-year term ends. Funds are provided by state, Measure I and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee. The service is administered by SANBAG, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol.

Program Benefits

Freeway Service Patrol programs offer peace of mind for motorists using freeways during peak commute times in the San Bernardino Valley. Tow operators